

Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Jobless rates down in 114 counties from November 2010 to November 2011

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EDITOR'S NOTE: November's preliminary and October's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Nov11chart.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 22, 2011) — Unemployment rates fell in 114 Kentucky counties between November 2010 and November 2011, while six county rates increased, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.3 percent. It was followed by Ohio County, 6.6 percent; Fayette County, 6.7 percent; Caldwell and Daviess counties, 7 percent each; Oldham and Warren counties, 7.1 percent each; and Calloway, Franklin, Hopkins and Madison counties, 7.2 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 15.1 percent. It was followed by Fulton County, 14.2 percent; Magoffin County, 14 percent; McCreary County, 13.9 percent; Meade County, 13.5 percent; Clay County, 12.8 percent; Bell County, 12.7 percent; Lee County, 12.4 percent; Menifee County, 12.3 percent and Wayne County, 12.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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